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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 9-18 and 20-31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends Claims 9-11, 13-17, 19 and 20, cancels Claim 8, and adds new Claims 21-31.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 13, 16-18, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 8-12, 14, 15, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Helle et al. (U.S. 4,412,188).

Applicant has amended allowable Claims 13, 16, 17, and 20 to be in independent form including all of the features of Claim 8 and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Helle et al. is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 13, 16, 17, and 20 are allowable. Claims 9-12, 14, 15, 18, 19, and new claims 21-31 depend upon Claims 13, 16, and 17, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that Claims 13, 16, and 17 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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